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SUBJECT : MIDDLE EAST FORCE: JURISDICTION PETERS CASE

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1. COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE HAS REPORTED IN NAVY CHANNELS BACKGROUND AND STATUS OF CASE IN WHICH GOB FORMALLY REQUESTED JURISDICTION OVER SEAMAN PETERS ON CHARGE OF "CRIMINAL TRESPASS".

2. AUGUST 5 AMBASSADOR REMINDED FOREIGN MINISTER THAT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT WE ARE STILL SITTING ON FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE WHILE EFFORT IS MADE TO SEE WHETHER THERE IS A CASE OF ANY SUBSTANCE TO BE MADE AGAINST PETERS. AMBASSADOR REMINDED FOREIGN MINISTER USG NOT LIKELY TO CEDE JURISDICTION IN THIS CASE.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY MOST UNEXCITED ABOUT THIS MATTER AND SUGGESTED THAT WE LET IT LIE IN THE HOPE THAT THE "BRITISH GIRL" INVOLVED WILL DROP CHARGES AGAINST PETERS. HE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT, IF IN HIS ABSENCE ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VACATION FOREIGN MINISTRY SHOULD FORMALLY SEEK EMBASSY RESPONSE

TO ITS EARLIER NOTE, EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY BY REQUESTING FOREIGN
MINISTRY PROVIDE PERTINENT INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE
CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST PETERS.

4. COMMENT: WHEN AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT SEAMAN PETERS HAD
ALREADY UNDOUBTEDLY SUFFERED FOR HIS SINS AND WAS ALLEGEDLY
QUITE INTOXICATED WHEN HIS "CRIMINAL TRESPASS" OFFENSE TOOK
PLACE, FOREIGN MINISTER SAID "WHY MUST WE GET UPSET ABOUT ONE
UNHAPPY SAILOR GETTING DRUNK HIS FIRST NIGHT IN TOWN. HE
PROBABLY TOOK ONE LOOK AT BAHRAIN AND THOUGHT HE WAS ALREADY
IN PRISON." BY SQUINTING PAST FOREIGN MINISTER OUT THE WINDOW
AT THE BEAUTY OF THE MODERN RUINS OF DOWNTOWN MANAMA SHIMMERING
IN THE AUGUST SUN, THE AMBASSADOR WAS ABLE TO AVOID COMMENTING
ON THIS LAST REMARK. END COMMENT.
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